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March 10, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO:

Mr. J. M. Lynch, P. E.

Traffic Engineering Branch

FROM:

William D. Gilmore, P. E., Manager Webaile

Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch

SUBJECT:

Proposed widening of SR 1733 (Weaver Dairy Road) from

NC 86 to SR 1734 (Erwin Road) and Sage Road from SR 1734 to US 15-501, Chapel Hill, Orange County, Federal-Aid Project No. MASTP-1733(11), State Project No. 8.2501601, TIP Project

No. U-3306

The Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch of the Division of Highways has begun studying the proposed improvements to Weaver Dairy Road (SR 1733) and Sage Road. The project is included in the 1999-2005 North Carolina Transportation Improvement Program and is scheduled for right of way in fiscal year 2003 and construction in fiscal year 2004.

The TIP describes the project as widening SR 1733 (Weaver Dairy Road) from NC 86 to SR 1734 (Erwin Road) and to widen Sage Road. Currently, the project is proposed to widen Weaver Dairy Road from approximately 800 feet (244 meters) east of NC 86 to Erwin Road. The project will follow the existing alignment of Weaver Dairy Road for approximately 2.2 miles (3.5 km) and will be built on new location for approximately 0.4 miles (0.6 km), tying into Sage Road, which has been completely widened. Two cross sections are being proposed; a five-lane section and a four-lane divided section, both with curb and gutter.

We would appreciate any information you might have that would be helpful in evaluating potential environmental impacts of the project. If applicable, please identify any permits or approvals which may be required by your agency. Your comments will be used in the preparation of a federally funded Environmental Assessment. This document will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. It is desirable that your agency respond by May 3, 1999 so that your comments can be used in the preparation of this document.

If you have any questions concerning the project, please contact Derrick Weaver, Project Planning Engineer, of this Branch at (919) 733-7844, Ext. 208.

WDG/plr

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